



THE  
**FORME AND**  
**MANNER OF MAKING**  
and Consecrating BISHOPS,

PRIESTES and  
DEACONS.



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## THE PREFACE.



T is evident vnto all men , diligently reading holy Scripture , and ancient Authors , that from the Apostles time, there hath bee these orders of Ministers in Christes Church , Bi-  
shops , Priests , and Deacons , Which offices were euermore had in such reverent estimati-  
on, that no man by his owne priuate authori-  
tie, might presume to execute any of them, ex-  
cept hee were first called, tried, examined and  
knowne to haue such qualites, as were requisite for the same, and also  
by publique prayer , with imposition of hands, approued and admitt-  
ed thereunto. And therefore , to the intent these orders shoulde bee  
continued, and reverently vsed and esteemed in this Church of Eng-  
land, it is requisite that no man ( not being at this present, Bishop,  
Priest, nor Deacon ) shall execute any of them, except hee bee called,  
tried, examined, and admitted , according to the forme hereafter fol-  
lowing. And none shall be admitted a Deacon, except hee bee twenty  
one yeeres of age at the least. And euery man which is to bee admitted  
a Priest, shall bee full soure and twentie yeeres old. And euery man  
which is to be consecrated a Bishop, shall bee fully thirtie yeeres of age.  
And the Bishop knowing either by himselfe, or by sufficient testimony,  
any person to be a man of vertuous conuersation, and without crime,  
and after examination and tryall, finding him learned in the Latine  
tongue, and sufficiently instructed in holy Scripture, may vp-  
on a Sunday or holy day , in the face of the Church,  
admit him a Deacon, in such manner and forme  
as hereafter followeth.

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## The Forme and manner of Orde- ring of D E A C O N S.

**E**irst, when the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be an exhortation, declaring the dutie and office of such as come to bee admitted Ministers, how necessary such orders are in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteeme them in their vocation.

After the exhortation ended, the Archdeacon or his Deputie, shall present such as shall come to the Bishop to bee admitted, saying these words.

**R** Euerend Father in God, I present unto you these persons pre-  
sent, to be admitted Deacons.

The Bishop.

**T**ake heed that the persons whom yee present unto vs, bee apt  
and meet, for their learning and godly conuersation, to exer-  
cise their ministerie duely, to the honour of God, and edifying of his  
Church.

The Archdeacon shall answer,

I haue enquired of them, and also examined them, and thinke  
them so to be.

And the Bishop shall say vnto the people.

**B**Rethren, if there be any of you, who knoweth any impediment  
or notable crime, in any of these persons presented to be ordered  
Deacons, for the which hee ought not to bee admitted to the same,  
let him come foorth in the Name of God, and shew what the crime  
or impediment is.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected, the Bishop shall surcease  
from ordering that person, vntill such time as the party accused shall trie  
himselfe cleare of that crime.

Then the Bishop commanding such as shall bee found meet to bee ordered,  
to the prayers of the Congregation, with the Clearkes and people pre-  
sent, shall say or sing the Letany, as followeth, with the prayers.

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## The Letanie and Suffrages.



God the Father of heauen: haue mercy vpon vs  
miserable sinners.

O God the Father of heauen: haue mercy vpon vs  
miserable sinners.

O God the Sonne redeemer of the world: haue  
mercy vpon vs, miserable sinners.

O God the Sonne Redeeemer of the world: haue  
mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Son:  
haue mercie vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Sonne:  
haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and gloriouſ Trinity, three persons and one  
God: haue mercie vpon vs miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and gloriouſ Trinitie, three persons and one God: haue  
mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our fore-  
fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sinnes: spare vs good  
Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most  
precious blood, and be not angry with vs for euer.

Spare vs good Lord.

From all euill and mischiefe, from sinne, from the crafts and  
assaults of the deuill, from thy wrath, and from everlasting dam-  
nation.

Good Lord deliuere vs.

From all blindnesse of heart, from pride, vaine glory, and hypo-  
crite, from enuie, hatred, and malice, and all vncharitablenesse.

Good Lord deliuere vs.

From fornication, and all other deadly sinne, and from all the de-  
ceits of the world, the flesh & the deuill.

Good Lord deliuere vs.

From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence and famine,  
from battell and murther, and from sudden death.

Good Lord deliuere vs.

From all sedition and priuy conspiracy, from all false doctrine  
and heretike, from hardnesse of heart, and contempt of thy word and  
Commandement.

Good Lord deliuere vs.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation, by thy holy Natiuitie  
and Circumcision, by thy Baptisme, Fasting, and Temptation.

Good Lord deliuere vs.

By thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy Crosse and Passion,  
by

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by thy precious Death and Buriall, by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the comming of the holy Ghost.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the houre of death, and in the day of Judgement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

Wee sinners doe beseech thee to heare vs (O Lord God) and that it may please thee to rule and governe thy holy Church uniuersally in the right way.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to keepe and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holinesse of life, thy servant Charles, our most gracious King and Gouernour.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, feare and loue, and that he may euermore haue affiance in thee, and euer seeke thy honour and glory.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bee his defender and keeper, giuing him the victory ouer all his enemies.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and preserue our gracious Queene Mary, Prince Charles, and the rest of the Royall Progenie.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishopps, Pastors, and Ministers of the Church, with true knowledge and vnderstanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Councell, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisedome and vnderstanding.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe the Magistrates, giuing them grace to execute Justice, and to maintaine trueth.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe all thy people.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue to all Nations, vnity, peace, and concord.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue vs an heart to loue and dread thee, and diligently to liue after thy Commandements.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

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That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of trueth, all such as haue erred, and are deceived.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as doe stand, and to comfort and helpe the weake hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to beate downe Satan vnder our feete.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, helpe and comfort, all that be in danger, necessity, and tribulation.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserue all that trauell by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children, and to shew thy pity vpon all prisoners and captiues.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend and prouide for the faterlesse children and wido wes, and all that bee desolate and oppressed.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to haue mercie vpon all men.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgiue our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turne their hearts.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserue to our vs the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time wee may enjoy them.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to give vs true repentance, to forgiue vs all our sinnes, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to amend our liues according to thy holy Word.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

Sonne of God : wee beseech thee to heare vs.

Sonne of God : we beseech thee to heare vs.

O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Grant vs thy peace.

O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Haue mercy vpon vs.

O Christ heare vs.

O Christ heare vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

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Christ

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Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Our father which art in heauen, &c.

And leade vs not into temptation.

But deliver vs from euill. Amen.

The Versicle.

O Lord deale not with vs after our sinnes.

Answer.

Neither reward vs after our iniquities.

C Let vs praye.

  
God mercifull Father, that despisest not the sighing  
of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrow-  
full, mercifully assit our prayers, that wee make be-  
fore thee, in all our troubles and aduersities, whensoe-  
uer they oppresse vs: and graciously heare vs, that  
those euils which the craft and subtily of the devill or man work-  
eth against vs, be brought to nought, and by the prouidence of thy  
goodnesse they may be dispersed, that we thy seruants being herte  
by no persecutions, may euermore giue thankes unto thee in thy  
holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thy Names sake.

O God, we haue heard with our eares, and our fathers haue de-  
clared vnto vs the noble workes that thou diddest in their dayes,  
and in the old time before them.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be: world  
without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend vs, O Christ.

Graciously looke vpon our afflictions.

Pitifuly behold the sorrowes of our hearts.

Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of thy people.

Fauourably with mercy heare our prayers.

O Sonne of Dauid, haue mercy vpon vs.

Both now and euer bouchsafe to heare vs, O Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christ: graciously heare vs, O Lord Christ.

The Versicle.

O Lord let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs.

Answer.

As we doe put our trust in thee.

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¶ Let vs pray.

V V E humbly beseech thee, O father, mercifully to looke upon our infirmitie, and for the glory of thy Name sake, turne from vs all those euils that wee most righteously haue deserued: and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and euermore serue thee in holinesse and purenesse of living, to thy honour and glory, through our onely Mediator and Aduocate Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Lmighty God, which hast givien vs grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications vnto thee, and doest promise that when two or three bee gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting vs in this world knowledge of thy truthe, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

A Lmighty God, which by thy diuine prouidence hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in the Church, and diddest inspire thine holy Apostles, to chuse vnto this order of Deacons, the first Martyr S. Stephen with other: mercifully behold these thy servants, now called to the like office and administration, replenish them so with the truthe of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office to the glory of thy Name, and profit of the Congregation, through the merits of our Sauour Jesu Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, now and for euer. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Communion of the Day, sauing the Epistle shall be read out of Timothie, as followeth.

I likewise must the Ministers be honest, not double tongued, not givien vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the mysterie of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first be prooued, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reproue them. Euen so must their wifes be honest, not euil speakers, but sober, and faithfull in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children

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children well, and their owne houſholds: for they that minister well, get themſelves a good degree, and a great liberty in the faſth which is in Christ Iesu.

These things write I unto thee, truſting to come shortly unto thee: but and if I tarry long, that then thou mayest yet haue knowleſe how thou oughtest to behauē thy ſelue in the house of God, which is the congreagation of the liuing God, the pillar and ground of truſth. And without doubt, great is that myſtery of godliuenſe. God was ſhewēd in the flesh, was iuſtified in the ſpirit, was ſeenē among the Angels, was preached unto the Gentiles, was beleeuēd on in the world, and received vp in glory.

Or else this out of the ſixth of the Acts.

Then the twelue called the multitude of the Disciples together, and ſaid, It is not meet that we ſhould leauē the word of God, and ſerue tables. Wherefore brethren, looke yee out among you ſeven men of honest report, and full of the holy Ghost and wiſdom, to whom wee may commit this buſineſſe: but wee will giue our ſelues continually to praier, and to the administration of the word. And that ſaying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith, and full of the holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Demenias, and Nicholæs, a conuerte of Antioch. These they ſet before the Apoſtles, and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased, and the number of the Disciples muſtipliſed in Ierusalem greatly, and a great company of the prieſts were obedient vnto the faſth.

And before the Gopel, the Bishop ſitting in a chaire, ſhall cauſe the Oath of the Kings ſupremacie, and againſt the power and authoſtie of all forreigne Potentates, to bee miniftred vnto euery of them that are to be ordered.

### The Oath of the Kings

Soueraigntie.

I A. W. doe vtterly teſtifie and declare in my conſcience, that the Kings Highnesſe is the onely ſupreme Gouernour of this Realme, & of all other his Highnes Dominions and Countries, as wel in all ſpiritual or Eccleſiaſticall things or cauſes, as Temporall, and that no forreigne Prince, Person, Prelate,

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Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any iurisdiction, power, superiority, preeminence, or authority Ecclesiastical, or Spirituall within this Realme, and therefore I doe vtterly renounce and forfaine all forreigne Jurisdictions, Powers, Superiorities, and authoritie; and doe promise that from henceforth, I shall beare faith and true Allegiance to the Kings Highnesse, his Heires and lawfull Successours, and to my power shall assist and defend all Jurisdictions, Priviledges, Preeminentes and Authorities, granted or belonging to the Kings Highnesse, his Heires and Successours, or united and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme, so helpe me God, and the Contents of this Booke.

Then shall the Bishop examine euery one of them that are to bee ordered, in the presence of the people, after this manner following.

**D**oe you trust that you are inwardly moued by the holy Ghost to take vpon you this office and ministratiōn, to serue God, for the promoting of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Answere.

I trust so.

The Bishop.

Doe you thinke that yee truly be called according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the due order of this Realme, to the Ministry of the Church?

Answere.

I thinke so.

The Bishop.

Doe you vnsainedly beleue all the Canonickall Scriptures of the old and new Testament?

Answere.

I doe beleue.

The Bishop.

**V**ill you diligently reade the same vnto the people assembled in the Church, where you shall be appointed to serue?

Answere.

I will.

The Bishop.

**I**t appertaineth to the office of a Deacon in the Church, where he shall be appointed to assist the Priest in diuine Seruice, and specially when he ministreth the holy Communion, and to helpe him in distribution therof, and to reade holy Scriptures and Homilies in the Congregation, and to instruct the youth in the Catechisme, to baptize and to preach, if he bee admitted thereto by the Bishop. And furthermore, it is his office, where prouision is so made, to search

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search for the sick, poore, and impotent people of the Parish, to intimate their estates, names, and places where they d well vnto the Curate; that by his exhortation they may bee relieved by the Parish, or other conuenient almes: will you doe this gladly and willingly?

Answere.

I will so doe by the helpe of God.

The Bishop.

VV Ill you applie all your diligence to frame and fashion your owne liues, and the liues of your familie, according to the doctrin of Christ, and to make both your selues and them as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flocke of Christ?

Answere.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

VV Ill you reverently obey your Ordinary and other chiefe Ministers of the Church, and them to whom the gouvernement and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad minde and will, their godly admonitions?

Answere.

I will indeauour my selfe, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Bishop laying his hands seuerally vpon the head of every of them, shall say,

Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed vnto thee: In the Name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shal the Bishop deliver to every one of them the New Testament, saying,

Take thou authoritie to reade the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if thou be thereto ordinarily commandied.

Then one of them appointed by the Bishop, shall reade the Gospel of that day.

Then shall the Bishop proceed to the Communion, and all that are ordered shal tarry and receiue the holy Communion the same day with the Bishop.

The Communion ended, after the last Collect, and immedately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect following.

A Lmighy God, givere of all good things, which of thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy seruants vnto

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vnto the offices of Deacons in thy Church: make them wee beseech thee (O Lord) to bee modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, to haue a ready will to obserue all spirituall discipline, that they hauing alwayes the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing euer stable and strong in thy Sonne Christ, may so well vse themselues in this inferiour office, that they may be found worthy to bee called vnto the higher ministeries in thy Church, through the same thy Sonne our Sauiour Christ, to whom be glory and honour world without end. Amen.

And here it must bee shewed vnto the Deacon, that hee must continue in that office of a Deacon, the space of a whole yeere at the least (except for reasonable causes it bee otherwise seene to his Ordinary) to the intent hee may be perfect, and well expert in the things appertaining to the Ecclesiasticall administration, in executing whereof, if he be found faithfull and diligent, he may be admitted by his Diocesan, to the order of Priesthood.

## The forme of Ordering of Priests.

When the exhortation is ended, then shall follow the Communion. And for the Epistle, shall bee read out of the twentieth Chapter of the Actes of the Apostles, as followeth.

**R**om Miletto, Paul sent messengers to Ephesus, and called the Elders of the Congregation: which when they were come to him, hee said vnto them, Pee know that from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I haue beene with you at all seasons, seruing the Lord with all humblenesse of minde, and with many teares and temptations, which happened vnts me by the layings await of the Jewes, because I would keepe backe nothing that was profitable vnto you, but to shew you, and teach you openly throughout every house, witnessing both to the Jewes, and also to the Greekes, the repentance that is toward G D, and the faith which is toward our Lord Jesus. And now behold, I goe bound in the spirit vnto Hierusalem, not knowing

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knowing the things that shall come on me there, but that the holy Ghost witnesseth in euery Citie, saying that bands and troubles abide mee. But none of these things mooue me, neither is my life deare vnto my selfe, that I might fulfill my course with ioy, and the ministratiōn of the word, which I haue receiuēd of the Lord Jesu, to testifie the Gospel of the grace of God. And now behold, I am sure that henceforth yee all (through whom I haue gone preaching the kingdome of God) shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men: For I haue spared no labour, but haue shewed you all the counsell of God. Take heed therefore vnto your selues, and to all the flocke, among whom the holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to rule the Congregation of God, which hee hath purchased with his blood. For I am sure of this, that after my departing shall grievous woolues enter in among you, not sparing the flocke. Moreover, of your owne selues shall men arise, speaking peruerse things, to draw disciples after them. Therefore awake, and remember that by the space of three yeeres, I ceased not to warne every one of you night and day with teares.

And now bretheren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build further, and to giue you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I haue desired no mans siluer, gold, or besture: Yea, you know your selues, that these hands haue ministred vnto my necessities, and vnto them that were with mee. I haue shewed you all things, how that so labouring, yee ought to receive the weake, and to remember the words of our Lord Jesu, how that hee said, It is more blessed to giue, then to receive.

Or else this third Chapter, of the first Epistle to Timothie.

**T**his is a true saying, If any man desire the office of a Bishop, he desirēth an honest worke. A Bishop therefore must be blamelesse, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discreet, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not giuen to ouer much wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetousnesse, one that ruleth well his own house, one that hath childdren in subiection with all reverence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall hee care for the Congregation of God? He may not be a yong Scholer, lest he swell and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. He must also haue a good report of them which are without, lest hee fall into rebuke and scafe of the euill speaker.

Likewise must the Ministers bee honest, not double tongued; not

1. Tim. 3.  
This when  
Deacons and  
Priests are  
made both in  
one day.

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not giuen vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the mysterie of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first be prooued, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reprooue them.

Euen so must their wiues be honest, not euill speakers: but sober, and taithfull in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children well, and their owne housholds: for they that minister well, get themselves a good degree, and great liberty in the faith, which is in Christ Jesus. These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come shortly vnto thee: but if I tarry long, that then thou mayest haue yet knowledge, how thou oughtest to behau thy selfe in the house of God, which is the Congregation of the liuing God, the pillar and ground of trueth.

And without doubt, great is that misterie of godlinesse: God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the Spirit, was seene among the Angels, was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleueed on in the world, and received vp in glory.

After this shall be read for the Gospel, a piece of the last Chapter  
of Matthew, as foloweth.

Jesus came and spake vnto them, saying, All power is given vnto me in heauen and in earth: Goe ye therefore, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost; teaching them to obserue all things whatsoeuer I haue commanded you: and loe, I am with you alway, euen vntil the end of the world.

Or else this that followeth, out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn.

Verily, verily I say vnto you, Hee that entreth not in by the doore into the sheepefold, but climbeth vp some other way, the same is a thiate and a murtherer. But hee that entrieth in by the doore, is the shepherd of the sheepe: to him the porter openeth, and the sheepe heare his voyce, and hee calleth his owne sheepe by name, and leadeth them out. And when hee hath sent forth his owne sheepe, hee goeth before them, and the sheepe follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voyce of strangers. This proverbe spake Jesus vnto them, but they understood not what things they were which hee spake vnto them. Then said Jesus vnto them agayne, Verily, verily I say vnto you, I am the doore of the sheepe: and all (euen as many as came before mee) are theeuers and murdererers, but the sheepe did not heare them. I am

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I am the doore: by me if any man enter in, he shall be safe, and goe in and out, and finde pasture. A thiefe commeth not but for to steale, kill, and to destroy. I am come, that they might haue life, and that they might haue it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd giueth his life for the sheepe. An hired servant, and he which is not the shepherd (neither the sheepe are his owne) seeth the wolfe comming, and leaueth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolfe catcheth and scattereth the sheepe. The hired servant fleeth, because hee is an hired servant, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheepe, and am knowne of mine. As my father knoweth me, euен so know I also my father. And I giue my life for the sheepe. And other sheepe I haue, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall heare my voyce, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Or else this, of the xx. Chapter of Iohn.

**T**he same day at night, which was the first day of the Sab-  
boths, when the doores were shut (where the Disciples were  
assembled together, for feare of the Jewes) came Jesus, and stood  
in the midst, and sayd vnto them, Peace be vnto you, and when hee  
had so sayd, he shewed vnto them his hands & his side. Then were  
the Disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus vnto  
them againe, Peace be vnto you: As my father sent me, euен so  
send I you also. And when he had said those words he breathed on  
them, and sayd vnto them, Receiuē ye the holy Ghost. Whosoever  
sinnes yee remit, they are remitted vnto them: and whosoever  
sinnes yee retaine, they are retained,

When the Gospel is ended, then shall be sayd or sung.

**C**ome holy Ghost eternall God, proceeding from aboue:  
Both from the father and the Sonne, the God of peace and  
loue.

Visit our minds and into vs, thy heauenly grace inspire:  
That in all truthe and godlinesse, we may haue true desire.  
Thou art the very Comforter, in all woe and distresse:  
The heauenly gift of God most high, which no tongue can ex-  
preſſe.

The fountaine and the lively spring, of toy celeſtiall:  
The fire so brighte, the loue so cleare, and Inction spirituall:  
Thou in thy gifts art manitold, whereby Christs Church doth  
stand:  
In faithfull hearts writing thy Law, the finger of Gods hand.  
According

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According to thy promise made, thou giuest speech of grace :  
That through thy helpe, the praise of God, may sound in euery place.

O holy Ghost into our wits send downe thy heauenly light :  
Kindle our hearts with seruent loue to serue God day and night.

Strength and stablish all our weaknesse, so feeble and so fraile :  
That neither flesh, the world nor devill, against vs doe preuaile.  
Put backe our enemie farre from vs, and grant vs to obtaine,  
Peace in our hearts, with God and man, without grudge or disdaine.

And grant, O Lord, that thou being, our Iader and our guide :  
We may eschew the snares of sinne and from thee never slide.  
To vs such plentie of thy grace, good Lord, grant we thee pray :  
That thou mayest be our Comforter at the last dreadfull day.  
Of all strife and dissencion, O Lord dissolute the bands :  
And make the knots of peace and loue, throughout all Christian lands.

Grant vs, O Lord, through thee to know, the Father most of might :

That of his deare beloued Sonne, we may attaine the sight,  
And that with perfect faith also we may acknowledge thee:  
The Spirit of them both alway, one God in persons three.  
Laude and praise be to the Father, and to the Sonne equall:

And to the holy Spirit also, one God coeternall.

And pray wee that the onely Sonne, bouchsale his Spirit to send :

To all that doe professe his Name, vnto the worlds end. Amen.

And then the Archdeacon shall present vnto the Bishop, all them that shall receive the order of Priesthood that day, the Archdeacon saying,

R Euerend Father in God, I present vnto you these persons, present, to be admitted to the order of Priesthood.

*Cum interrogacione & responsione, ut in ordine Diaconatus.*

And then the Bishop shall say to the people,

G ood people, these bee they whom wee purpose, God willing,  
to receive this day vnto the holy office of Priesthood: for after due examination, we finde not to the contrary, but that they be lawfully called to their function and ministerie, and that they bee persons

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persons meet for the same: but yet if there bee any of you, which knoweth any impediment, or notable crime of any of them, for the which hee ought not to be received into this holy ministerie, now in the Name of God declare the same.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected,

*Ut supra in Ordine Diaconatus, usque ad finem Let. in i.e. cum hac  
Collecta.*

A Lmighty God, giuer of all good things, which by thy holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of Ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold these thy seruants, now called to the office of Priesthood, and replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profit of thy Congregation, through the merits of our Sauour Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall minister vnto every one of them the Oath concerning the Kings Supremacie, as it is set forth in the order of Deacons, and that done, hee shall say vnto them which are appointed to receive the said office, as hereafter followeth.

You haue heard, brethren, as well in your priuate examination, as in the exhortation, and in the holy Lessons taken out of the Gospel, and of the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this office is (whereunto yee be called.) And now wee exhort you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to haue in remembrance into how high a dignity, and to how chargeable an office yee be called, that is to say, the messengers, the watchmen, the Pastours and the Stewards of the Lord, to teach, to premonish, to seede, and provide for the Lords family, to seeke for Christs sheepe that be dispersed abroad, and for his children which bee in the middest of this naughty world, to bee saved through Christ for ever. Haue alwayes therfore printed in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge: for they be the sheepe of Christ, which hee bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you must serue, is his spouse and his body.

And if it shall chance the same Church, or any member thereof, to

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take any hurt or hinderance, by reason of your negligence, yee know the greatnesse of the fault, and also of the horrible punishment which will ensue. Wherefore, consider with your selues the end of your ministry, towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ, and see that you never cease your labour, your care, and diligence, vntill you haue done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duety, to bring all such as are, or shall be committed to your charge, vnto that agreement in faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripenesse and perfectnesse of age in Christ that there be no place left among you, either of errour in Religion, or for viciousnesse in life.

Then, sozasmuch as your office is both of so great excellencie, and of so great difficultie, ye see with how great care and study yee ought to apply your selues, aswell that you may shew your selues bind to that Lord, who hath placed you in so high a dignity, as also to beware that neither you your selues offend, neither be occasion that other offend. Howbeit, ye cannot haue a mind and a wil thereto of your selues, for that power and ability is giuen of God alone. Therefore ye see how ye ought and haue need earnestly to pray for his holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other meanes compasse the doing of so weighty a worke pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable vnto the same: Ye perceiue how studious yee ought to bee in reading and in learning the Scriptures, and in framing the maners, both of your selues, and of them that specially pertaine vnto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures: And for this selfe same cause, ye see how yee ought to forsake and set aside (as much as you may) all worldly cares and studies.

Wee haue good hope, that you haue well weighed and pondered these things with your selues, long before this time, and that you haue clearly determined, by Gods grace, to give your selues wholly to this vocation, wherunto it hath pleased God to call you, so that (as much as lieth in you) you apply your selues wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way, and to this end. And that you will continually pray for the heavenly assistance of the holy Ghost from God the Father, by the mediation of our onely Mediator and Sauour Jesus Christ, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, ye may so ware riper and stronger in your ministry: And that yee may so endeavour your selues from time to time, to sanctifie the lues of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ: And that ye may be wholsome and godly examples and patternes for the rest of the congregation to follow: & that this present

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congregation of Christ here assembled, may also understand your mindes and wilgs in these things: and that this your promise shall more moue you to do your duties, ye shall answere plainly to these things, which we in the name of the congregation shall demand of you touching the same.

Doe you thinke in your heart that you be truely called according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the order of this Church of England, to the ministry of Priesthood?

Answere.

I thinke it.

The Bishop.

Be you perswaded that the holy scriptures conteine sufficient-  
ly all doctrine required of necessitie for eternall saluation, thro-  
row faith in Iesu Christ? And are you determined with the sayd  
Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and  
to teach nothing (as required of necessitie to eternall saluation)  
but that you shall be perswaded may be concluded, and prooued by  
the Scripture?

Answere.

I am so perswaded, and haue so determined by Gods grace.

The Bishop.

Will you then give your faithfull diligence, alwayes so to  
minister the doctrine and Sacraments, and the discipline  
of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Realme hath  
receaved the same, according to the Commandements of God, so  
that you may teach the people committed to your cure and charge,  
with all diligence to keepe and obserue the same?

Answere.

I will so doe by the helpe of the Lord.

The Bishop.

Will you bee ready with all faithfull diligence to banish and  
drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary  
to Gods word, and to vse both publike and priuate monitions and  
exhortations, as well to the sicke, as to the whole, within your  
cures, as need shall require, and occasion be givien?

Answere.

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

Will you bee diligent in prayers, and in reading of the holy  
Scriptures, and in such studies as helpe to the knowledge  
of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

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Answere

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Answere.

I will endeavour my selfe so to doe, the Lord being my helper.  
The Bishop.

Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your owne selues,  
and your families, according to the doctrine of Christ, and  
to make both your selues and them (as much as in you lieth) whol-  
some examples and spectacles to the flocke of Christ?

Answere.

I will apply my selfe, the Lord being my helper.  
The Bishop.

Will you mainetaine and set forwards (as much as lyeth in  
you) quietnes, peace, and loue, among all Christian people,  
and specially among them that are, or shall bee committed to  
your charge?

Answere.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.  
The Bishop.

Will you reverently obey your Ordinarte, and other chiefe  
Ministers, vnto whom the gouernment and charge is  
committed ouer you, following with a glad minde and will, their  
godly admonitions, and submitting your selues to their godly  
judgements.

Answere.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.  
Then shall the Bishop say,

A Lmichtie God, who hath giuen you this will to doe all these  
things, grant also vnto you strength and power to performe  
the same, that he may accomplish his worke which he hath begun  
in you, vntill the time hee shall come at the latter day, to iudge the  
quicke and the dead.

After this, the Congregation shall bee desired secretly in their prayers, to  
make humble supplications to God for the foresaid things : for the  
which prayers, there shall be a certaine space kept in silence.

That done, the Bishop shall pray in this wise.

C Let vs pray.

A Lmichtie God, and heavenly Father, whiche of thine infi-  
nite loue, and goodnesse towards vs, hast giuen to vs thy  
only & most deare beloued Son Iesus Christ to be our re-  
deemer & authour of everlasting life, who after he had made  
perfect our redemption by his death, & was ascended into heauen,  
sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Euangelists,  
Doctoris,

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Doctours, and Pastours, by whose labour and ministray, hee gathered together a great flocke in all the parts of the wold, to set forth the eternall praise of thy holy Name. For these so great benefits of thy eternall goodnesse, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy seruants here present, to the same office and ministray of saluation of mankinde, wee render vnto thee most hearty thankes, we worship and praise thee, and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy Sonne, to grant vnto vs all, which either here, or elsewhere call vpon thy Name, that wee may shew our selues thankful to thee, for these and all other thy benefits, & that we may dayly increase and goe forwards, in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Sonne, by the holy Spcrit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them to whom they shall be appointed Ministers, thy holy Name may be alwayes glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged, through the same thy Sonne our Lord Jesus Christ, which liueth and reigneth with thee, in the unitie of the same holy Spcrit, world without end. Amen.

When this prayer is done, the Bishop with the Priests present, shal lay their hands severally vpon the head of euery one that receiueth Orders: The Receiuers humbly kneeling vpon their knees, and the Bishop saying,

**R**eceive the holy Ghost: whose sinnes thou doest forgive, they are forgiuen: and whose sinnes thou doest retaine, they are retained: and be thou a faithfull dispenser of the word of God, and of his holy Sacraments. In the Name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost. Amen.

The Bishop shall deliuer to euery one of them the Bible in his hand, saying,  
**T**ake thou authority to preach the word of God, and to minister the holy Sacraments in this Congregation, where thou shalt be so appointed.

When this is done, the Congregation shall sing the Creed, and also they shall goe to the Communion, which all they that receive Orders, shall take together, and remaine in the same place where the hands were layd vpon them, vntill such time as they haue received the Communion.

The Communion being done, after the last Collect, and immediatly before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect.

**M**ost mercifull Father, we beseech thee so to send vpon these thy seruants thy heauenly blessing, that they may bee clad about with all justice, and that thy word spoken by their mouthes, may haue such successe, that it may neuer be spoken in vaine. Grant also that we may haue grace to heare, and receive the same as thy

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most holy word, and the meanes of our salvation, that in all our words and deeds we may seeke thy glory, and the increase of thy Kingdome, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And if the Order of Deacons and Priesthood be giuen both vpon one day, then shall all things at the holy Communion bee vsed, as they are appointed at the ordering of Priests, Saring that for the Epistle, the whole third Chapter of the first to Timothe shall be read, as it is set out before in the order of Priests. And immediatly after the Epistle the Deacons shall be ordered. And it shall suffice the Letany to be said once.



## The Forme of Consecrating of an Archbishop, or Bishop.

¶ At the Communion.

The Epistle.

**H**is is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a Bishop he desireth an honest worke. A Bishop therefore must be blamelesse, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discreet, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not giuen to ouermuch wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetousnesse, one that ruleth wel his own house, one that hath children in subjection with all reverence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall he care for the Congregation of God? Hee may not be a yong scholler, lest he falle, and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. He must also haue a good report of them whiche are without, lest he fall into rebuke, and the snare of the euill speaker.

The Gospel.

**I**esus said to Simon Peter, Simon Johanna, louest thou mee, I more then these? Hee said vnto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee: hee sayd to him, Feed my Lambes. He said to him againe the second time, Simon Johanna, louest thou mee? Hee said vnto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee: he said

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said vnto him, feed my sheepe. Hee said vnto him the third time, Simon Johanna, louest thou me? Peter was sorry, because he said vnto him the third time, Louest thou me? And hee said vnto him, Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I loue thee. Jesus said vnto him, feed my sheepe.

Or else out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn : as before in the order of Priests.

After the Gospel and Creed ended : first the elected Bishop shall bee presented by two Bishops, vnto the Archbishop of that Prouince, or to some other Bishop appointed by his commission : the Bishops that present him, saying,

**M**ost reuerend Father in God, we present vnto you this godly and well learned man to be consecrated Bishop.

Then shall the Archbishop demand the Kings mandate , for the consecration, and cause it to bee read , and the Oath touching the knowledge of the Kings Supremacie , shall be ministred to the persons elected, as it is set out in the order of Deacons. And then shall bee ministred the Oath of due obedience vnto the Archbishop, as followeth.

### *The Oath of due obedience to the Archbishop.*

I N the Name of God, Amen. I N. chosen Bishop of the Church and See of N. doe professe and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop , and to the Metropoliticall Church of N, and to their successors : so helpe me God, through Jesus Christ.

This Oath shall not be made at the Consecration of an Archbishop.

Then the Archbishop shall moue the Congregation present , to pray, saying thus to them,

B ethren, it is written in the Gospel of S. Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, or euer that he did chuse and send forth his twelue Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles , that the Disciples which were at Antioch did fast and pray, or euer they laid hands vpon, or sent forth Paul and Barnabas. Let vs therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ and his Apostles, first fall to prayer, or that we admit and send forth this person presented vnto vs , to the worke wherunto we trust the holy Ghost hath called him.

And

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And then shall be said the Letanic, as afore in the order of Deacons.

And after this place, That it may please thee to illuminate all Bish-  
ops, &c, he shall say.

That it may please thee to blesse this our brother elected, and to  
send thy grace vpon him, that hee may duely execute the office  
whereunto hee is called, to the exalting of thy Church, and to the  
honour, praise, and glory of thy Name.

Answere.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

Concluding the Letanic in the end, with this prayer.

A Lmighty God, givere of all good things, which by thy holy spi-  
rit hast appointed divers orders of Ministers in thy Church,  
mercifully behold this thy servant, now called to the worke and  
ministry of a Bishop, and replenish him so with the truth of thy  
doctrine, and innocencie of life, that both by word and deed he may  
faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and  
profit of thy Congregation, through the merits of our Sauour  
Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy  
Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop sitting in a chaire, shall say to him that is to bee  
consecrated.

B Rother, for as much as holy Scripture, and the old Canons  
commandeth that we shold not be hasty in laying on hands,  
and admitting of any person to the government of the Congrega-  
tion of Christ, which he hath purchased with no lesse price then the  
effusion of his owne blood: afore I admit you to this administra-  
tion, whereunto you are called, I will examine you in certayne ar-  
ticles, to the end the Congregation present, may haue a triall and  
beare witnesse how ye be minded to behau your selfe in the Church  
of God.

Are you perswaded that you bee truly called to this ministrati-  
on, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the order  
of this Realme?

Answere.

I am so perswaded.

The Archbishop.

A Re you perswaded that the holy Scriptures containe suffici-  
ently all doctrine, required of necessitie for eternall salua-  
tion, through the faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined  
with

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with the same holy Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintaine nothing as required of necessitie to eternall salvation, but that you shall be perswaded may be concluded and proued by the same?

Answere.

I am so perswaded and determined by Gods grace.

The Archbishop.

VVill you then faithfully exercise your selfe in the sayd holy Scriptures, and call vpon God by prayer, for the true understanding of the same, so as ye may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and conuince the gainesayers?

Answere.

I will so doe by the helpe of God.

The Archbishop.

BEE you ready with all faithfull diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to Gods word, and both privately and openly to call vpon and encourage others to the same?

Answere.

I am ready the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

VVill you deny all vngodlinesse and worldly lusts, and liue soberly, righteously, and godly in this world, that you may shew your selfe in all things an example of good works vnto others, that the aduersary may be ashamed, having nothing to lay against you?

Answere.

I will so doe the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

VVill you maintaine and set for ward (as much as shall lie in you) quietnesse, peace, and loue among all men: and such as be vnquiet, disobedient, and criminous within your Diocesse, correct and punish according to such authoritie as yee have by Gods word, and as to you shall bee committed by the ordinance of this Realme?

Answere.

I will doe so by the helpe of God.

The Archbishop.

VVill you shew your selfe gentle, and be mercifull for Christs sake to poore and needie people, and to all strangers deserte of helpe?

Answere.

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Answere.

I will so shew my selfe by Gods helpe.

The Archbishop.

A Lmighty God our heauenly Father, who hath giuen you a good will to doe all these things: grant also vnto you strength and power to performe the same, that hee accomplishing in you the good worke which he hath begun, yee may bee found perfect and irreprehensible at the latter day, through Iesu Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung or sayd, Come holy Ghost, &c,  
As it is set out in the order of Priests.

That ended the Archbishop shall say.

Lord heare our prayer.

Answere.

And let our cry come vnto thee.

C Let vs pray.



A Lmighty God, and most mercifull Father, which of thine infinite goodnesse hast giuen thy onely and most deare beloued Son Iesu Christ to be our Redeemer and Author of euer-lasting life, who after that hee had made perfect our Redemption by his death, and was ascended into heauen, powred downe his gifts abundantly vpon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Euangelists, some Pastours and Doctors, to the edifying and making perfect his Congregation: grant wee beseech thee, to this thy seruant such grace, that hee may euermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospell, and glad tidings of reconciliation to God, and to vse the authoritie giuen vnto him, not to destroy, but to saue, not to hurt, but to helpe: so that he, as a wise and faithfull servant giuing to thy family meate in due season, may at the last bee received into joy, through Iesu Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the holy Ghost, liueth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop and Bishops present, shall lay their hands vpon the head of the elected Bishop, the Archbishop saying,

Take the holy Ghost, and remember that thou stirre vp the grace of God, which is in thee, by imposition of hands: for God hath not given vs the spirit of feare, but of power, and loue, and sobernesse.

Then

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Then the Archbishop shall deliuer him the  
Bible, saying,

**G**ive heed vnto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Thinke vp  
on these things contained in this booke. Be diligent in them,  
that the increase comming thereby, may be manifest vnto all men.  
Take heed vnto thy selfe, and vnto teaching, and be diligent in do-  
ing them: for by doing this, thou shalt save thy selfe, and them that  
heare thee. Bee to the flocke of Christ a shepherd, not a wolfe: feed  
them, deuoure them not: hold vp the weak, heale the sick, binde to-  
gether the broken, bring againe the outcasts, seeke the lost, bee so  
mercifull, that yee be not too remisse: so minister discipline, that  
you forget not mercy, that when the chiefe Shepherd shall come, ye  
may receiue the immarcessible crowne of glory, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop shall proceed to the Communion, with whom the  
new consecrated Bishop, with other shall also communicate. And for  
the last Collect immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this  
Prayer.

**M**ost merciful Father, we beseech thee, to send down vpon this  
thy seruant thy heauenly blessing, and so endue him with thy  
holy Spirit, that he preaching thy word, may not onely be earnest  
to reprooue, beseech, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine,  
but also may bee, to such as beleue, an wholsome example, in  
word, in conuersation, in loue, in faith, in chastity, and purity  
that faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day hee may  
receiue the Crowne of righþousnesse, laid vp by the Lord  
the righteous Judge, who liueth and reigneth,  
one God with the Father and the holy  
Ghost, world without end.  
Amen.

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